

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and versions, of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

1-46. (Canceled).

47. (Currently amended) A method ~~to activate a configuration tool in a configuration server for managing a configurable controlling function of a terminal system~~ comprising the steps of:

receiving a configuration upgrade message at ~~a~~ the configuration server from a source of an at least partial software upgrade;
saving upgrade information in a database associated with the configuration server;
identifying a plurality of users requiring at least partial software upgrade; and
thereafter providing the at least partial software upgrade to respective terminal servers associated with the plurality of users identified to require the at least partial software upgrade for subsequent distribution by the terminal servers to respective terminals of users identified to require the at least partial software upgrade.

48. (Previously presented) The method of claim 47, further comprising updating at least one terminal associated with a respective terminal server with the at least partial software upgrade provided to the terminal server.

49. (Currently Amended) ~~The method to activate the configuration tool in a configuration server for managing a configurable controlling function of a browser, A method~~ comprising the steps of:

receiving an initial upgrade message in a the configuration server from a service provider to provide an end service product;

receiving and saving an end service product in a database associated with the configuration server;

identifying a plurality of users having a contract requiring delivery of the end service product; and

thereafter providing product information relating to the end service product to respective terminal servers associated with the plurality of users identified to have contracts requiring delivery of the end service product for subsequent distribution by the terminal servers to respective terminals of users identified to have contracts requiring delivery of the end service product.

50. (Previously presented) The method of claim 49, wherein the end service product is transferred to the terminal server and a virus search is made to the end service product prior to conveying the product to the terminal server.

51-65. (Canceled)

66. (Currently amended) The method of claim 47, further comprising identifying any terminal servers, following the provision of the at least partial software upgrade[.], to which the at least partial software upgrade has not yet been transferred.

67. (Previously presented) The method of claim 66, further comprising determining, in response to activation of a terminal associated with a terminal server, if the terminal server has been identified as a terminal server to which the at least partial software upgrade has not yet been transferred and, if so, providing the at least partial software upgrade to the terminal server.

68. (Previously presented) The method of claim 49, further comprising identifying any terminal servers, following the provision of the product information, to which product information has not yet been transferred.

69. (Previously presented) The method of claim 68, further comprising determining, in response to activation of a terminal associated with a terminal server, if the terminal server has been identified as a terminal server to which product information has not yet been transferred and, if so, providing product information to the terminal server.

70. (Currently amended) A system ~~for managing a configurable controlling function of a terminal system~~ comprising:

a configuration server unit for receiving a configuration upgrade message from a source of an at least partial software upgrade, for identifying a plurality of users requiring the at least partial software upgrade and for thereafter providing the at least partial software upgrade to respective terminal servers associated with the plurality of users identified to require the at least partial software upgrade for subsequent distribution by the terminal servers to respective terminals of users identified to require the at least partial software upgrade, wherein said configuration server unit comprises a database for saving upgrade information provided by the source of the at least partial software upgrade and for associating the saved upgrade information with the source of the at least partial software upgrade.

71. (Currently amended) A system ~~for managing a configurable controlling function of a browser~~, comprising:

a configuration server unit for receiving an initial upgrade message from a service provider that is capable of providing an end service product, for identifying a plurality of users having a contract requiring delivery of the end service product and for thereafter providing product information relating to the end service product to respective terminal servers associated with the plurality of users identified to have contracts requiring delivery of the end service product for subsequent distribution by the terminal servers to respective terminals of users

identified to have contracts requiring delivery of the end service product, wherein said configuration server unit comprises a database for saving the end service product identified by an initial upgrade message from the respective service provider.

72. (Currently amended) ~~An apparatus configuration server unit having a configuration tool for managing a configurable controlling function of a terminal system comprising:~~

~~a database for saving upgrade information provided by a source of an at least partial software upgrade, wherein said database associates the saved upgrade information with the source of the at least partial software upgrade; and~~

~~an upgrade server unit for identifying a plurality of users requiring the an at least partial software upgrade and for thereafter providing the at least partial software upgrade to respective terminal servers associated with the plurality of users identified to require the at least partial software upgrade for subsequent distribution by the terminal servers to respective terminals of users identified to require the at least partial software upgrade, wherein a source of the at least partial software upgrade provides upgrade information saved in a database that associates the saved upgrade information with the source of the at least partial software upgrade.~~

73. (Currently amended) ~~An apparatus configuration server unit having a configuration tool for managing a configurable controlling function of a browser, comprising:~~

~~a database for saving an end service product identified by an initial upgrade message from a service provider capable of providing the end service product; and~~

~~an upgrade server unit for identifying a plurality of users having a contract requiring delivery of the an end service product and for thereafter providing product information relating to the end service product to respective terminal servers associated with the plurality of users identified to have contracts requiring delivery of the end service product for subsequent distribution by the terminal servers to respective terminals of users identified to have contracts requiring delivery of the end service product, wherein a service provider capable of providing the~~

end service product of the at least partial software upgrade provides an initial upgrade message identifying the end service product saved in a database.

74. (Currently amended) A computer program product ~~for managing a configurable controlling function of a terminal system, the computer program product~~ comprising at least one computer-readable medium having computer-readable program instructions stored therein, the computer-readable program instructions comprising:

~~instructions capable of a first executable portion for~~ receiving a configuration upgrade message from a source of an at least partial software upgrade;

~~instructions capable of a second executable portion for~~ saving upgrade information in a database;

~~instructions capable of a third executable portion for~~ identifying a plurality of users requiring at least partial software upgrade; and

~~instructions capable of a fourth executable portion for~~ thereafter providing the at least partial software upgrade to respective terminal servers associated with the plurality of users identified to require the at least partial software upgrade for subsequent distribution by the terminal servers to respective terminals of users identified to require the at least partial software upgrade.

75. (Currently amended) A computer program product ~~for managing a configurable controlling function of a browser, the computer program product~~ comprising at least one computer-readable medium having computer-readable program instructions stored therein, the computer-readable program instructions comprising:

~~instructions capable of a first executable portion for~~ receiving an initial upgrade message from a service provider to provide an end service product;

~~instructions capable of a second executable portion for~~ saving an end service product in a database;

~~instructions capable of a third executable portion for~~ identifying a plurality of users having a contract requiring delivery of the end service product; and

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~~instructions capable of a~~ fourth executable portion for thereafter providing product information relating to the end service product to respective terminal servers associated with the plurality of users identified to have contracts requiring delivery of the end service product for subsequent distribution by the terminal servers to respective terminals of users identified to have contracts requiring delivery of the end service product.